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SUBJECT: MAY FOURTH CEREMONY IN ZOETERMEER

1. MAYOR J. W. WEGSTAPEL OF ZOETERMEER, SOUTH HOLLAND HAS INVITED MAYOR EUGENE PETERS OF SCRANTON, PA. TO ATTEND (OR SEND REPRESENTATIVE) TO MAY 4 CEREMONY IN ZOETERMEER AT GRAVE OF STAFF SGT JOHN E. MC CORMICK, JR. KILLED IN 1945 WHILE FIGHTING WITH DUTCH RESISTANCE. EXACT NATURE OF CEREMONY NOT CLEAR, BUT APPARENTLY IT WILL BE BRIEF AND RELATIVELY INFORMAL. MAYOR PETERS INVITED BECAUSE MC CORMICK FROM SCRANTON AREA.

2. MC CORMICK WAS CREW MEMBER OF B-24 BOMBER SHOT DOWN NEAR AMSTERDAM IN FEB. 1945. AVOIDING CAPTURE, HE JOINED DUTCH RESISTANCE FOR NINE WEEKS BEFORE ENTIRE GROUP WAS SURPRISED AND KILLED BY GERMANS. SEVERAL DUTCH FIGHTERS BURIED IN ADJOINING GRAVES.

3. A RESIDENT OF ZOETERMEER, MRS. REGINA AKKERMANN, WHO MAY BE U. S. CITIZEN, ENCOURAGED THE TOWN TO INVITE MAYOR PETERS. UNFORTUNATELY, PETERS UNABLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE AND HAS ASKED SENATOR SCHWEIKER (REP - PA.) TO UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT WITH REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SEND
REPRESENTATIVE TO CEREMONY. REGRET EXACT TIME OR LOCA-
TION IN ZOETERMEER UNKNOWN. FYI SENATOR SCHWEIKER HAS
BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS ON VARIETY

OF IMPORTANT ISSUES RECENTLY. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD ASCERTAIN DETAILS
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